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1. POST WELCOMES DEPT'S SUPPORT IN REQUESTING BFS APPROVAL
THREE-MONTH RETURN ASSIGNMENT OF DR ROBERT ALLEN AS LECTURER AT
UNIVERSIDAD SIMON BOLIVAR'S INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS COURSE IN THE
SPECIALTY OF HYDROCARBONS. UNIVERSITY HAS BUDGETED SAME AMOUNT AS
FY 75; POST HAD ESTIMATED USG-SHARE OF STIPEND AT \$1,000 PER MONTH.
IN LIGHT OF NEW STIPEND LEVEL, SHOULD ALLEN EXPRESS DISSATISFACTION,
DEPT MAY NEGOTIATE A HIGHER USG SHARE. COURSE DURATION:
THREE MONTHS, STARTING EITHER APRIL OR MAY AT ALLEN'S OPTION.

2. ALLEN'S SUCCESS AT SIMON BOLIVAR TEACHING INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMICS TO UNIVERSITY STUDENTS MAJORING IN HIGHLY- IMPORTANT
AS WELL AS SENSITIVE FIELD WOULD APPEAR TO WARRANT SPECIAL BFS
CONSIDERATION AS SUPPORTING POST OBJECTIVES. ALLEN'S KNOWLEDGE
OF VENEZUELA, RAPPORT WITH STUDENTS, AND IMPORTANCE OF FOLLOWING-
UP CONTACTS ALREADY ESTABLISHED MAKE REASSIGNMENT ESPECIALLY
VALUABLE. THE COURSE IS A TWO-YEAR GRADUATE PROGRAM, AND
FIRST GROUP OF STUDENTS NOW PREPARING MASTER'S THESIS. AN
IMPORTANT ASPECT MENTIONED BY THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR IS
BALANCE PROVIDED BY US PRESENCE TO THE PROFESSOR SUPPLIED BY
THE FRENCH PETROLEUM INSTITUTE.

3. ONE EXAMPLE OF ALLEN'S IMPACT ON THE STUDENTS IS A PROPOSED
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THREE-MONTH STUDY TRIP TO US BY TWELVE GRADUATES OF THE CLASS

TO INCLUDE AN INTENSIVE ENGLISH COURSE WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON
ECONOMIC TERMS, VISITS TO RESEARCH INSTITTTUES IN PETROLEUM
(MOBIL, EXXON, ETC), AND PETROCHEMICAL PLANTS, AS WELL AS
UNIVERSITIES OFFERING M. SC. IN PETROLEUM ECONOMICS WITH THE
OBJECT OF PURSUING GRADUATE WORK AT A LATER DATE. A SEPARATE
MESSAGE WILL OUTLINE A REQUEST FOR CU ASSISTANCE IN THE FORM OF
PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS FOR THIS SELF-FINANCED ENERGY ECONOMICS
PROJECT.

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